

Sinclair Broadcasting is taking advantage of too liberal laws on media ownership to force its stations to carry right-wing propaganda into the too-many media markets where it has been permitted to own too many stations. They have become power-hungry, mad with their own influence, and must be stopped.

I do not like what they do. I cringed when they refused to air the NightLine broadcast of our fallen heroes in Iraq. I have changed local news teams because of their daily dose of self-serving commentary known as "The Point" by Mark Hyman. Unfortunately, too many Americans are tired or distracted and cannot tell what is news and what is someone trying to win an election for the team that lines their pockets best. This 90-minute 'documentary' Sinclair proposes to air is too much, however. They use the airwaves for free and are supposed to serve the people, not their self-interests and cronies.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Media groups who blatantly press against the rules or take advantage of the technicalities have to be stopped. More stringent review of renewals and legislation to limit how many media outlets can own be owned by one group of madmen are necessary steps. I feel as if I am being held hostage, force-fed this garbage because Sinclair is allowed to own a station in my area and so many others, they feel unstoppable.